

## FOURTH DEATH NEAR WESTERLY

**Dues to Alleged Poisoned Pie—Horace Rodman, 55, of Ashaway, Was Ill Since July 4th—Autopsy Held Wednesday—Policeman Ferguson Recovering—Delegation at Tax**

There has been another death from poisoning traceable to the pie, or rather, the pie crust, obtained in the Gavitt restaurant, Horace Rodman of Ashaway is the fourth to die from the alleged poison, the others being Timothy J. Sullivan and Mr. and Mrs. Francis T. Brightman. Mr. Rodman was 55 years of age, unmarried, a mill operative and lifelong resident of Ashaway. He ate of the pie July 3, was taken ill the day after, and has been suffering intensely to the time of his death, Wednesday morning. Dr. Asa R. Briggs, medical examiner of the town of Hopkinton, held an autopsy in the afternoon, assisted by his father, Dr. Alexander B. Briggs, and Dr. Charles H. Scammon, medical examiner for the town of Westerly, and Professor Bernstein, state bacteriologist, were invited to assist in the autopsy.

This was the first autopsy in the poison cases which is liable to be of interest in connection with the case, as the autopsy was made before the body was embalmed. In the Sullivan case the autopsy was not ordered until 15 hours after the embalming, and therefore the stomach sent to the Rhode Island state chemist was of little value for the purpose of analysis. Dr. Little of Stonington, who attended the Brightman case, and Professor Bernstein of the Rhode Island state chemist, who attended the Sullivan case, were present at the autopsy. Dr. Scammon's office Wednesday afternoon just as he was preparing to leave for Ashaway. Dr. Briggs was authorized to invite the trio of professional men to attend the autopsy. Professor Briggs is an expert in poison analysis and his presence and subsequent investigation may be of assistance in determining the direct cause of four deaths and of the poison epidemic. From what he had learned by inquiry he was of the opinion that the poisoning was due to the ground used as the shortening, although the presence of ptomaine poisoning in gross is very rare, but is possible.

Arrangements have been commenced for the celebration of Irish day, an annual event in Rhode Island for the past 28 years, under the auspices of the Clan Na Gael organization. The event will include a parade in Providence, with field sports at Crescent park, Aug. 12. At the meeting to prepare for the observance all the local branch organizations were represented, the delegation from Westerly being composed of Kenyon A. Doyle, John A. Shea, John Cusack, John Lynch and John T. Sullivan.

James Kennedy, of New Haven, connected with the federal income tax bureau, made an official visit to the First National bank, Wednesday. Mr. Kennedy is a prominent Knight of Columbus and will start for Seattle, next week, to attend the convention of the supreme council.

There was a large attendance of relatives and friends, including the prominent residents of the town, at the funeral of Theodore D. Palmer, which took place at the Rathbun street residence, Red Brook, Wednesday afternoon. Rev. Dwight C. Stone of the Second Congregational church officiated. Interment was in Stonington cemetery.

Rev. George B. Marston, pastor of the First Baptist church, officiated at the funeral of Mrs. Maurice Crandall, Wednesday afternoon, which was held

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at the residence of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William H. Kelley. Burial was in Stonington cemetery. John Garity and John Henry will give an exhibition of fancy diving at Watch Hill, next Sunday.

**Local Laconics.**  
Frank Smith has been transferred from the Governor's island to the Watch Hill, light house station.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry B. Segar returned Tuesday afternoon from Los Angeles, where they have been for several months.

Policeman Donald Ferguson, one of the poison patients, was able to be on the streets Wednesday, but not to report for duty. He has been reduced 25 pounds in weight.

Walter Kilham of Providence, who recently returned from a visit to his parents in Peddieville, N. B., is the cousin of the late William A. Wilcox in West Broad street.

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Major Bourdon A. Babcock of Westerly was in command of the battalion drill and parade at Fort Greble Wednesday, the First, Second, Sixth, Fifth and Eleventh companies participating. There are nearly 500 citizen soldiers in camp. The fifth company, Westerly, having 40 men and 3 officers.

The Rhode Island Alfalfa Growers' association will meet in Kingston Saturday afternoon and the subject of discussion will be the association, and there will be an exhibit of alfalfa grown in the state. John J. Dunn of Westerly is a member of the executive committee.

Alexander Avant, chauffeur for I. B. Crane of Philadelphia, who was taken ill from poison on the night of July 3, and who has been attended by a physician and a nurse ever since, is now able to move about with assistance. His weight has reduced 80 pounds during his illness and he did not seem to recover his reasoning power until two days ago.

A petition is being circulated for signatures to be presented to the Massachusetts and Rhode Island legislatures asking that the Rathbun street section of Blackstone, Mass., and the Social district of Bellingham, Mass., be annexed to the city of Woonsocket. No definite action has been taken as yet in regard to the proposition to annex Pawcatuck, in the town of Stonington, to Westerly.

## NOANK

**Vessel to Be Rebuilt—Successful Entertainment—Surprise Party.**

The old vessel owned by Pendleton Brothers of New York, which some years ago was taken to the Rathbun street wharf and which is being torn to pieces, loaded on scows and brought here to the Palmer shipyard,

was to be rebuilt into a five-masted boat under the direction of Matilda Daboll who has a good force of men already employed and will most likely give employment to many more during the summer.

The entertainment given by the Village Improvement society Tuesday evening was the most successful of any given here in a long time. The hall was filled. The presentation was in every way and was greatly enjoyed.

Mrs. and Mrs. William Sinclair of New York have been visiting here. The fishing smack Louise, Capt. Fitch has gone on a swordfishing trip, having secured three the last trip.

**Surprise Party.**  
Miss Susan MacLeod of Prospect Hill was the hostess at a surprise party Monday night, guests being present from New London, Waterford, Mystic, Stonington and Groton borough. Dancing was enjoyed during the evening and refreshments were served.

**Brevities.**  
Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Fitch are entertaining Mr. and Mrs. Williams of Ridgefield Park, N. J.  
Miss Dan and son Alton Gray, of North Stonington, were guests Wednesday of their aunt, Mrs. Charles Stoddard.

Mrs. Lydia Douglas and daughter, Miss Fannie Douglas, are spending a few weeks with Capt. and Mrs. Ezra Duboll in New London.

Mrs. Walter Fish has returned from a visit in Athol, Mass.  
Mr. and Mrs. Ambrose J. Kinison of Pawtucket, R. I., are guests of Postmaster and Mrs. George Foley.

Miss Fannie Brewer of Middletown, the guest of the executive committee, and Mrs. Frederick H. Brewer.  
Miss Sarah Gray has returned to North Stonington after a visit to her cousin, Mrs. Grace Stoddard.

**Challenge Cup.** All entries must be in two weeks from the above date. The cup is now held by Henry Cornell, Mr. Ellen Rogers is entering. The holder took it last summer from Charles Dodge. The holder must defend his claim against all comers and win the cup three times.

**Personal Items.**  
Mr. and Mrs. Ira C. Hoxie and Mrs. Lucy Spicer Ward have returned after seven weeks' visit with Dr. and Mrs. Ward of Schenectady.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Douglas have returned to New York after a visit with Mrs. Emma Douglas.

## STONINGTON

**Teachers Engaged for the Coming School Year—Court of Inquiry Continued a Week.**

The school committee of the town of Stonington has signed contracts with teachers covering the next school year for the several schools in the town, with the exception of one teacher except in the modern language and commercial courses. The list of teachers appointed follows: Carlos A. Woodworth, superintendent.

**High school.**—Ray E. Kutscher, principal; G. Simonda, English; Esther D. Pierce, Latin; Rosa E. Brant, mathematics; G. A. Durkin, sixth; Mrs. Halsey A. Packer, sixth; Mrs. C. T. Eaton, fifth; Marie R. Henry, fourth; Josephine B. Denison, second; Sarah C. Leahy, first; Florence B. Quintard, kindergarten.

**West of street school.**—Pawcatuck: Sarah J. McMahon, principal and eighth grade; L. Dorothy Greene, seventh grade; Annie C. Spelman, sixth; Lillian Hewitt, fifth; Gertrude Kehler, fourth; Vivian Brewster, fourth; Helen M. Larkin, third; Florence Bray, third; Mary W. Durkin, second; Helen McKenna, second; Mrs. C. M. S. Reith, first and second grades; Eliza Still, first grade; Eleanor P. Eckman, kindergarten.

**Broadway, Mystic.**—Mary C. Donahue, principal and eighth grade; Nellie E. Edmund, sixth grade; Gladys Wild, fifth grade; Helen M. Fuller, fourth; Henrietta Kane, second; Jessie L. Fancher, first; Sarah L. Gookin, kindergarten.

**Old Mystic.**—Jennie M. Eldred, principal and seventh and eighth grades; Helen M. Larkin, third; Florence Bray, third; Mary W. Durkin, second; Helen McKenna, second; Mrs. C. M. S. Reith, first and second grades; Eliza Still, first grade; Eleanor P. Eckman, kindergarten.

**Quimbaum.**—Aldene E. Clark, principal and eighth grade; Nellie E. Edmund, sixth grade; Gladys Wild, fifth grade; Helen M. Fuller, fourth; Henrietta Kane, second; Jessie L. Fancher, first; Sarah L. Gookin, kindergarten.

**Board school.**—Eliza M. Wheeler, Noank.  
Wheeler—Priscilla Billings, Stonington.  
Special teachers: Mrs. Jennie MacCulloch, Boston, music; David Darney, drawing and manual training.

Mrs. MacCulloch, who succeeds Miss Harriet N. Woodard as teacher of music, is highly recommended by leading educators of New England, and also by Miss Woodard, who was one of her classmates at the college. Mrs. MacCulloch has taught music in Massachusetts schools for six years, using the same method taught so successfully by Miss Woodard in Stonington schools.

**Court of Inquiry Continued.**  
The court of inquiry into the poison epidemic conducted by Benjamin H. Hildred, prosecutor of the town of Stonington, with Albert R. Stillman, William A. Wilcox and Herman J. Holdrede as presiding justices of the peace, did not reconvene in Stonington Wednesday, but was adjourned until next Wednesday. On the 14th day of the court, the evidence of many witnesses giving testimony, then adjournment was taken to the 21st to await the investigation being made by the Rhode Island authorities, who took samples for analysis three days after poisoning cases appeared and two days after the samples were taken by Coroner F. H. Brown of Norwich. No poison was found in the samples taken from the court, and it has been officially reported that poison has been found in the shortening examined by the Rhode Island expert. It is probable that the court of inquiry will resume the reports of both states and perhaps that of the federal authorities this week, and that these reports are expected within a week.

**Stonington Pointers.**  
Judge John J. Pryor and son John of Plainfield have arrived in the borough for the season.

Constance and Hope, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. George W. Haley, have returned from a visit to their aunt, Mrs. Charles L. Wilcox, of Montauk avenue, New London.

James Noyes and family of Hebron, formerly of the borough, have purchased the Gilmore house in Trumbull avenue and will reside there during the summer.

Joseph Colosi of Stonington and Miss Jennie Mater of Westerly were married by Rev. Bruce Bruns in the rectory of the Church of the Immaculate Conception Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. James Meuse have moved from New London to Stonington borough.

**MYSTIC**  
Charity Chapter's Outing to Poquonoc—Tennis Tournament to Begin August 14th for Cray Cup.

The members of Charity Chapter, Order of Eastern Star, and their annual picnic Wednesday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Everett L. Crane in Poquonoc. Over one hundred enjoyed the day's outing. Dinner was served at one o'clock with a chowder and other good things. Supper was served on the lawn at 7 o'clock. Games were played during the day and a fine musical program was arranged for the evening.

**Tennis Tournament.**  
A. T. Earnshaw announces August 14 for the beginning of the tennis tournament this summer for the Cray Cup.

New Britain—Mrs. Caroline Hayes Magne, wife of Alfred E. Magne, of this city, died Monday evening at the home of her mother, Mrs. Catherine Hayes of Center street, South Manchester, after a long illness. Mrs. Magne was born in Syracuse, N. Y., 32 years ago.

**Wallingford.**—David Ross, commander of Arthur H. Dutton post, No. 36, will attend the National G. A. R. encampment in Washington, D. C., next September and will also attend the reunion of the Sixth corps to be held at the National Hotel in Washington during the encampment week.

**Winsted.**—John Rodemeyer, editor of the Connecticut Western News, Elliot B. Bronson of Winchester and Representative Dudley L. Vail addressed the D. A. W. members of the town of Winsted, Wednesday. Members of Green Woods Chapter were invited.

**Hartford.**—The board of health will ask the council to pass an amendment to the ordinances making it a violation for any person to permit either poison ivy or sunchoke to grow or remain on any premises in the city within 25 feet of adjacent property, except with the consent of the owner of the property.

**Norwalk.**—The Norwalk Playground Association of Norwalk has filed articles of incorporation. The purpose of the organization is to conduct and manage playgrounds, playhouses and amusements for children, etc. The subscribers are M. J. Riordan, Frank Goodchild and Fletcher H. Montgomery of Norwalk.

**Middlefield.**—The news has leaked out of the marriage of Miss Clara Pendleton and Alfred Wilkinson of Middlefield. Several months ago the young couple took a trip to New York, where the knot was tied. Mr. and Mrs. Wilkinson have been residing at a home on Standish street, Hartford, where the groom is employed.

**West Haven.**—The Avis company, which will manufacture firearms, military and naval guns, sporting arms, etc., has been incorporated in New York with an authorized capital paid in \$100,000, with \$20,000 capital paid in. The incorporators are Samuel R. Avis, George E. Avis and D. E. Avis. The company has leased the Mathu- cec Piano company's plant.

**New Haven.**—Property owners who have on their property breeding places

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